

CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE WITH STATUS IN GOOD STANDING

I, DEAN HELLER, the duly elected and qualified Nevada Secretary of State, do hereby certify that I am, by the laws of said State, the custodian of the records relating to filings by corporations, non-profit corporations, corporation soles, limited-liability companies, limited partnerships, limited-liability partnerships and business trusts pursuant to Title 7 of the Nevada Revised Statutes which are either presently in a status of good standing or were in good standing for a time period subsequent of 1976 and am the proper officer to execute this certificate

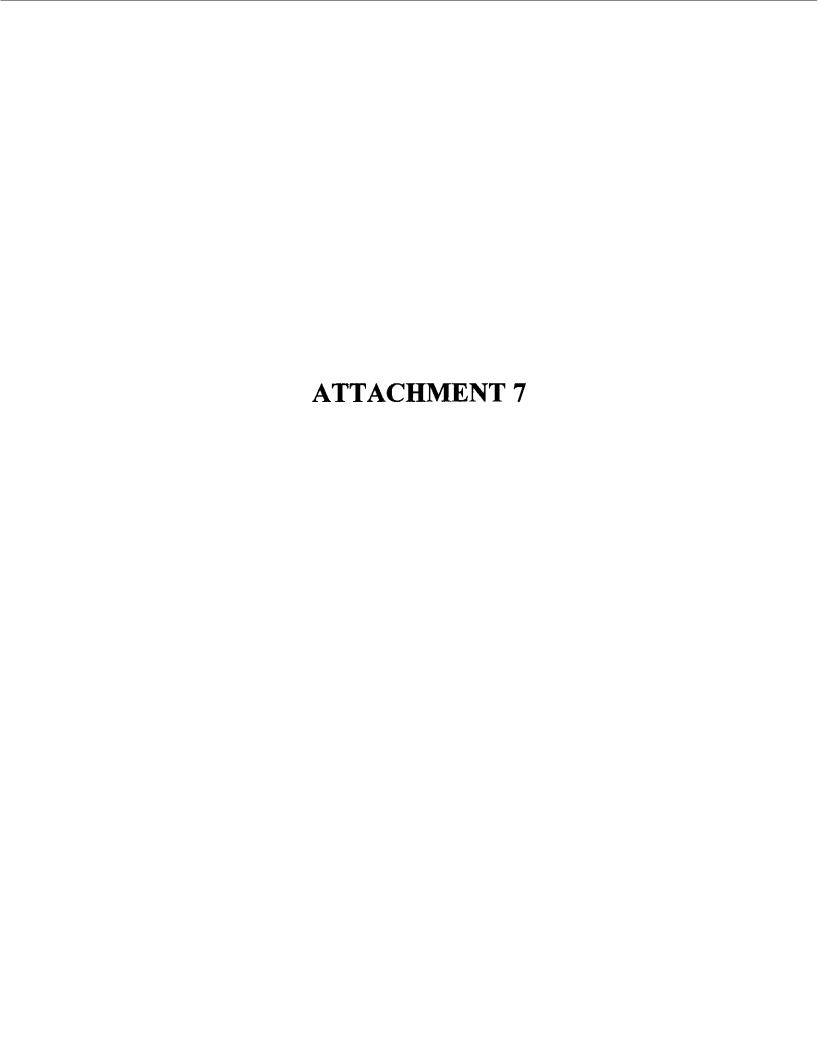
I further certify that the records of the Nevada Secretary of State, at the date of this certificate, evidence, BUZZ TELECOM CORPORATION, as a corporation duly organized under the laws of Nevada and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Nevada since June 18, 2002, and is in good standing in this state

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of State at my office in Carson City, Nevada on February 13, 2003

DEAN HELLER Secretary of State

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Certification Clerk

BUSOP 06244



Business Options, Inc. 8380 Louisiana Street Merrillville, Indiana 46410-6312

December 9, 2002

Peter Wolfe 445 12th St SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr Wolfe

I am faxing the responses as you requested We will be sending over the state complaints as soon as we receive them.

If you having questions, comments or concerns, please contact me at 219-756-5320

Respectfully,

Shannon Dennie

Dir Of Corporate Affairs

Business Options Responses

1. Business Options was incorporated in the State of Illinois on March 15, 1992. The company is privately held and does not own any property in any state.

Owners, Directors and Officers:

Kurtis Kintzel 70% owner President/COB

Keanan Kintzel 28% owner Secretary/Treasurer/Director

2 Certificate of Authority from the Sate of Illinois is attached

- 3 During this period no one representing BOI has changed the preferred carrier as specified in the complaints in Attachment A
- 4 The telemarketing sales script along with instructions to telemarketers are attached
- 5 During this time period there was a day shift and a night shift Each shift had approximately 40 employees and had 3 managers. All of these employees were Business Options employees
- 6. Telemarketers are monitored daily However, individuals are not notified when they will be monitored. Please see attached letter from the Vice President of Administration for our policy on employees failing to adhere to BOI policies and procedures. Also included is the Policy Letter dated October 3, 2002

For questions 7-11 please see attached letter from VP of Administration

Gene Chill Vice President of Administration

Buzz Telecom

838380 Louisiana Street Marrilville, IN 46410 (219) 756-5320 gchill@ebuzz.bz

4 December 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

As the sentor employee over all Human Resource matters at Buzz Telecom, I am happy to forward the answers to questions as of our legal department by the FCC.

Question 7: I do have only one single such instance of the misrepresentation described in this point, and this occurred over five months ago. Our tape auditor caught this example and it did not result in a sale. I have no means by which I can retrieve the documents related to this situation as I don't recall even the representative involved. Any such instance, depending on how flagrant, would result in immediate suspension or termination.

Question 8. I have reviewed no such examples as described in this question

Question 9 Our telemarketers alert the customer that the verifiers are there to assure that the representative is doing their job correctly; I have seen no examples where it is suggested the reps job would be lost based on the verification outcome.

Question 11 We terminated a Melissa Grissom in May, 2002, for violations that most closely approximate what is described in your questionnaire. This woman in fact sought to be rehired in late October but this was declined.

Warmly.

Gene Chill



To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

I. George H. Ryan Secretary of State of the State of Illinois.

PAUL D. PATE
Secretary of State
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POLICY LETTER BUZZ TELECOM

November 8, 1993R
August 4, 1995R
October 11, 2000R
October 3, 2002

All Sales Personnel
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"Our Relationship With Long Distance Carriers and Local Exchange Carriers"

We at Buzz Telecom are not agents of AT&T, Illinois Bell, Ameritech, Verizon or any or other long distance or local exchange carrier. Buzz Telecom is a switch less long distance carrier with it's own license and tariffed products to market. We are not contracted by any carriers to do this for them.

Any misrepresentation by a Buzz Telecom employee that we are agents or part of a major or local carrier (AT&T, Sprint, MCI, LCI, Verizon, Ameritech, etc.) is cause for immediate dismissal

Any misrepresentation endangers our company and thus the livelihood of every employee of the company. DO NOT take it lightly. If you witness any misrepresentation, report it immediately. It could very well be your own job and paycheck that you are saving.

Employee writes "I have read and understand this Policy Letter"		
Employec's Signature	Date	
Witness Signature	Date	
William Brzycki Vice President of Administration		
For and approved by the Chairman of the Board		

POLICY LETTER BUZZ TELECOM April 24, 2002 May 15, 2002 R

Inside Sales Rep Hat

"STANDARD SALES PITCH"

US Bell has been in business nearly ten years. We have experimented with many sales pitches over that time and created a sales pitch that produces new customers. The quantity and quality of orders produced are excellent. When sales Reps start changing the sales pitch, the following happens:

- They knowingly or unknowingly give the customer incorrect information;
- New and/or low producing Sales Reps start saying the same or similar things;
- The ratio of orders to verified orders ("submit percentage") decreases;
- Cancels after a month increase:
- Customer Service refunds increase;
- Legal complaints increase;
- Legal expenses are incurred;
- And sometimes we are asked to not sell in a certain state.

For these reason, US Bell will hereafter have only one sales pitch that all Reps will use. This pitch will be referred to as the "Standard Sales Pitch". Additionally, the objection handlings attached are the only approved handlings. If a Rep believes the script or the objection handlings can be improved, they may submit in writing a request to the COB via Executive Council to have their improvements reviewed. Only COB may approve the script to be changed.

The approved Standard Sales Pitch and Standard Objection Handlings are signed and distributed Sales Directives.

Kurtis Kintzel COB

Written for and approved by the Executive Council and Chairman of the Board

Standard Sales Pitch April 24, 2002 May 15, 2002r

Hello, may I please speak with the person in charge of the telephone bill, Mr/Mrs.
Hi, how are you today? (attempt to get in communication with the customer here on subjects other than telecommunications)
My name is and I am calling from Business Options to inform you that you are qualified to receive the Super Saver. The Supersaver may save you 25% - 50% on your long distance calls. You were selected for the savings because customers in your area have an excellent record with our company
The Supersaver will lower your state to state rates down to 5.9 cents per minutes 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The Business Options Supersaver is GUARANTEED to be one of the lowest rates in the telecommunications industry, especially compared to the 10-15 cents per minute you might be paying. Also, instead of paying almost \$10.00 in your monthly service fee like many people in the country, the Supersaver is only \$4.90 /month.
In order to receive the savings, what will simply happen is that Business Options will be handling all your long distance calls, including your local long distance calls. You will only have one phone bill for your local and long distance calls because we utilize your local telephone company for billing.
Will you be available in the next 15-20 minutes. The reason I ask is, a venifier will be giving you a quick call to venify that you are giving Business Options permission to change the long distance for (\
Now when they call, they are not permitted to answer any questions. So, do you have any questions for me?
Okay, congratulations on being selected for the Business Options Supersaver and I hope you enjoy the savings
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Director of Sales Training

The Business Options Supersaver Objection Handlings

April 26, 2002 revised

I am not interested...

- I understand how you feel, most people call wanting you to spend money. I'm calling to show you how you can save money. Back to pitch...
- If I could show you how to save money every month, then would you be interested? Back to pitch...
- I understand that you are very busy, if you could give me 2 minutes I can show you how to save money. Back to pitch...

Who is Business Options?

- I am glad you asked, Business Options is a nationwide phone company We have provided over ½ million customers with service over the past ten years Back to pitch...
- We are a nationwide telephone company that provides savings to small businesses and we are now also passing those same savings to residential customers like you Back to pitch...
- We are a national phone company that for the past ten years has saved over 1/2 million customers money on their phone bill Back to pitch...

I pay less per minute...

- How many average phone calls do you make per month?
- What kind of time restrictions do you have? Back to pitch...
- What is your monthly service fee? Back to pitch...
- What are your state-to-state rates? Back to pitch...

I don't have a monthly service fee...

What is your price per minute?

I don't make any long distance calls...

- Do you have friends or family living outside your state? Back to puch..
- · Do you call other towns or cities in your own state? Back to pitch. .
- · Do you know what your currently paving for monthly service? Back to puch..

Are you a telemarketer?

- I am a professional sales representative Back to pitch.
- I am a professional chair sitter Back to pitch...

I don't want to change my local phone service...

- We are not your local phone company. Back to pitch...
- Can you send me something...
 - Our firm spends its money on professional sales reps like myself to answer your questions personally. What questions do you have? Back to pitch...
 - Your savings will appear on your local phone bill in a few months. Back to pitch...

Are There Any Other Fees or Charges?

• You will be charged the normal telecommunication taxes, but that is it Back to pitch...

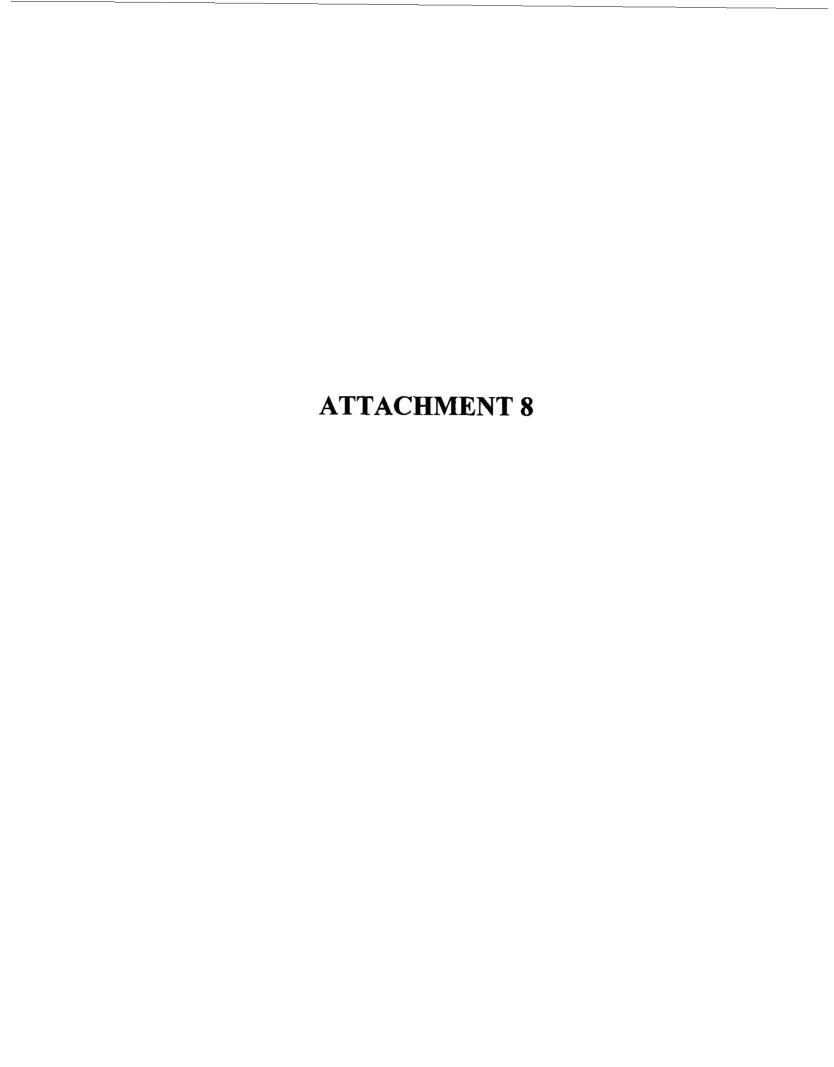
Does switching cost me anything?

• We don't charge you a switch fee. Your local phone company may charge you a small one-time switching fee which we will be happy to reimburse you if you call us after you incur the charge Back to pitch...

Why was I Qualified/selected?

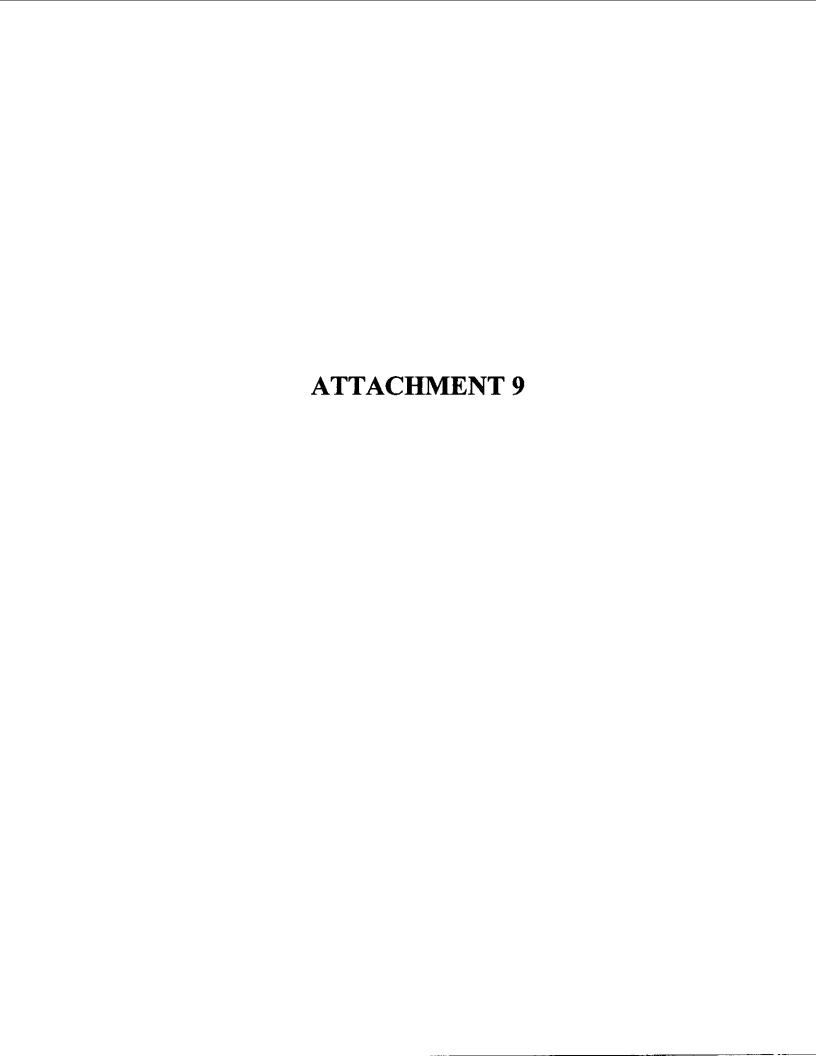
- You were selected because customers in your area have an excellent record with our company.
- Our lead generation system selects potential customers that are able to use our service.
- I don't know, you were on my list.

Kurtis Kintzel COB



1 0. Okay. 2 Α. So I would certainly try to give my 3 input. Like recently we modified the script to add the intrastate rates, within the state rates, 4 5 because we hadn't had that on the scripts. discovered that some of our service challenges or 6 people canceling were in direct relation to that. 7 You know, because it's a little bit higher, 8 basically. We sell it at five cents a minute for 9 state-to- state, and it's thirteen cents per 10 minute within the state. 11 Ο. Okay. 12 And then when they would get their 13 bill, they were like, "Hey," and they would 14 cancel because of the thirteen cents. So now we 15 put it on the scripts, and we actually sell it 16 and verify it. But I think that just started 17 this year. 18 MR. HARKRADER: Let's take a 19 five-minute break. 20

(A short break was taken.)



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people may have been turned over. Some may have quit or been fired or been replaced, I don't know. But I think they had roughly four people in there at our highest production time period and maybe one at our lowest.
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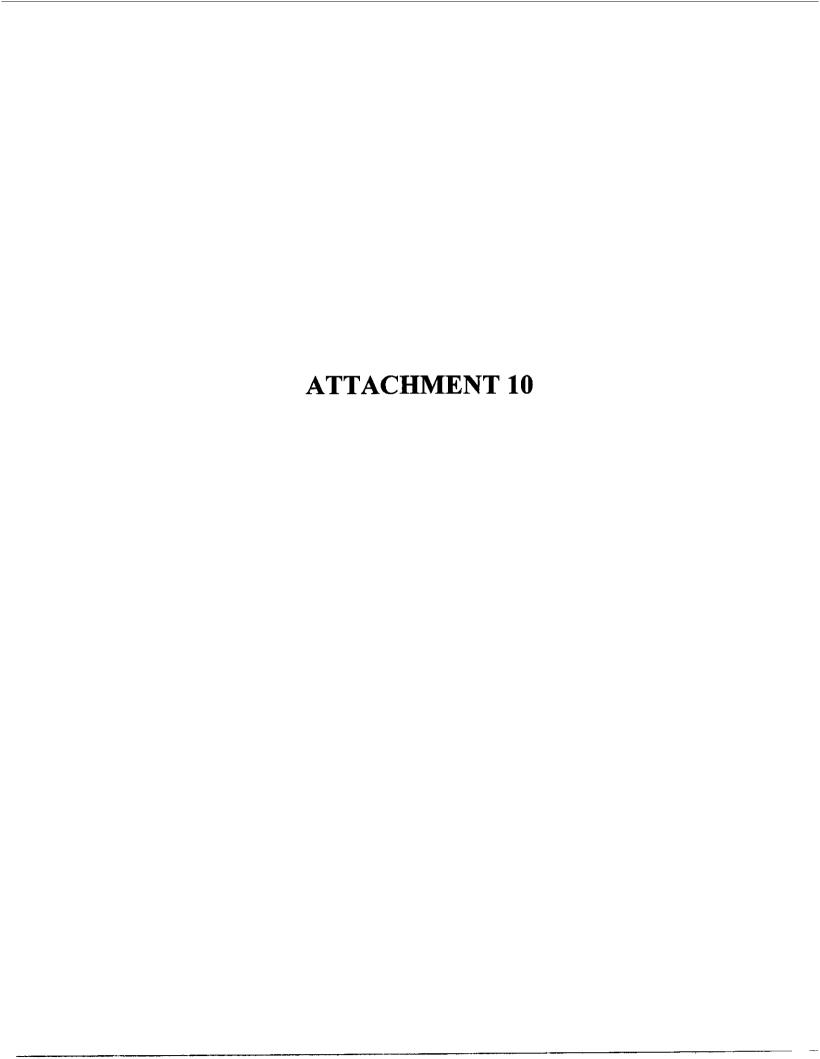
- Q. With respect to the script that was used by F&G Verification to determine that a consumer had talked to a telemarketer from Buzz Telecom or from Business Options, what role, if any, did you have in determining what the verification script looked like?
- A. I had a role in it. I had to make sure that it was satisfactory. Well, let me back up. Before third-party verifications became popular, we used to, as part of our telemarketing arrangement, the way that it used to be is you take their order and then sent them out a letter describing the products they bought. And they had a postcard to send back, which they had 14 days to respond, which is the way most telemarketers operate, and we did as well. But

1 during that time, we had a verification -- maybe 2 we called it validation because verification 3 wasn't a term that was broadly used. would have our telemarketers tape -- record the 5 verification script at the end of the phone 6 conversation, even though they were going to send 7 out the form, just for quality control purposes. 8 So at the end of the phone call, they would say, "Now we are going to record." We would make them 9 10 understand that we were not a local exchange 11 carrier and that we were switching their long-distance. And we would use that tape to 12 either train the people or really find out that 13 the consumer wanted our product or wanted to be 14 15 our customer. So I have always had an interest in 16 the verification script. I have always had the 17 idea that I wanted a customer that wanted to be 18 our customer. If they didn't want to be a 19 customer, it was just going to be a problem for 20

us further down the road. So I have always had

1 BY MR. SHOOK: 2 All right. I want to ask a few more Ο. 3 questions about F&G --4 Α. Okay. 5 ٥. -- Verification. We have been talking 6 a little bit about the script that F&G used? 7 Α. Uh-huh. 8 And to help lead into some of the Q. other questions, you had indicated that you had 9 10 some role in determining what the script should 11 Am I remembering that right, or was it be. 12 somebody else? 13 Mr. Brzycki and myself. That helps. And Mr. Brzycki's 14 Okay. Ο. responsibility was to determine that the scripts 15 complied with whatever requirements the FCC had? 16 I think we have used a Yes. 17 verification company from Iowa to Florida to one 18 right next-door to us. And I think we always 19 wrote the script, and we had to have it reviewed 20

by Mr. Brzycki and legal counsel or whoever it



Barbara Beesom Verification

Verifier: 332 Barbara Beesom

Hi, This is Tim from Great Lakes Verifications. I'm calling to verify your long distance

order.

This phone call is being recorded ok?

Customer: Yes

The time is 3:31, the date is 3/6.

And your name is Barbara Beesom, correct?

Customer: Yes

You are authorized and are giving permission to Business Options to change your long distance phone distance phone service for the number 33, I'm sorry for the number 217-

932-5584, is that correct?

Customer: Yes

And you do understand that the super saver long distance product is provided by BO and

that Business Options is not your local phone company, Is that correct?

And you do understand that for 4.90 a month, you are guaranteed 7 cents per minute when you call state to state.

Customer: Yes

The name on your local phone bill is Doyle G. Be Beesom,

Customer: Yes

And the billing address is 5757 West 300 Street KC Illinois 62420

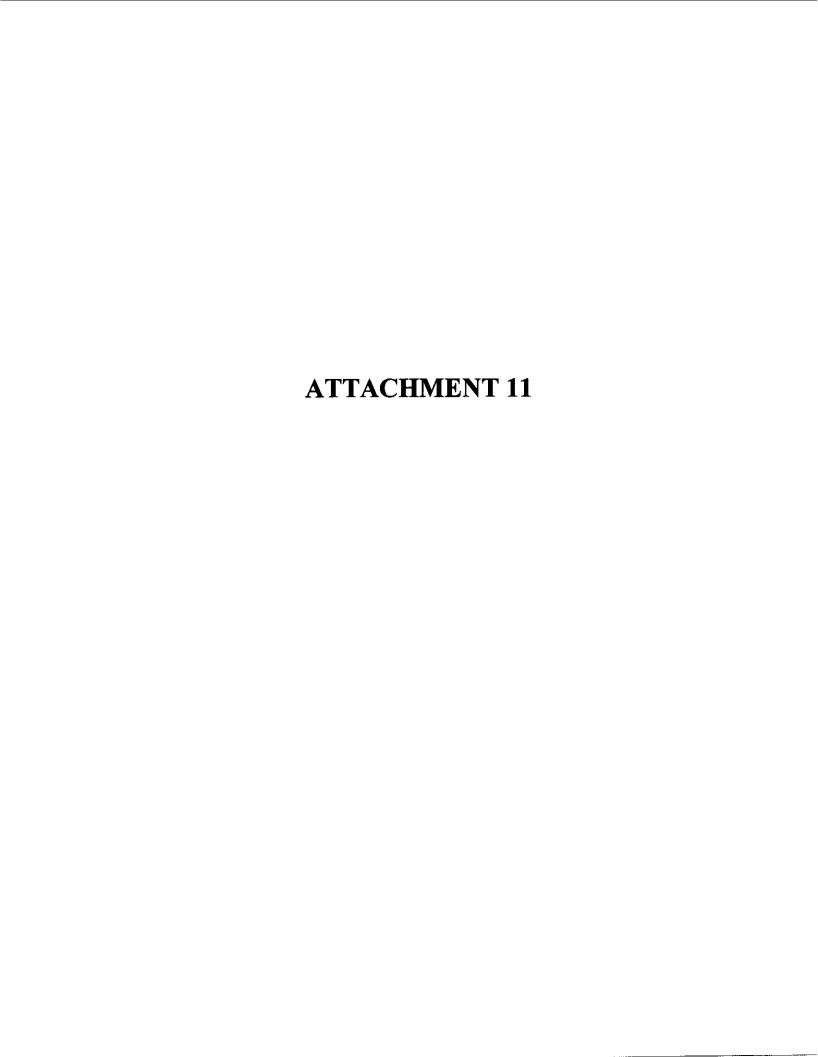
Customer: Yes

And then to confirm that I had spoke with you, I need the month and the day of your birth

but not the year. Customer: 9/9 9/9 ok mam

This concludes the verification thank you for your time and you have a nice day.

Customer: Ok thank you.



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Q. Okay. Had you ever heard of an entity
by the name of Great Lakes Verification Company?
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A. Yes.

- Q. Do you know where Great Lakes Verification Company is located?
 - A. It doesn't exist at this time.
- Q. When it did exist, to your knowledge, where was it located?
- A. Right next door to where Buzz Telecom currently is. I think the address is 8385
- Q. What kind of physical separation existed between the office of Buzz Telecom and Great Lakes Verification Company?
- A. Great Lakes had its own entranceway to the street. If you can picture a long office, Buzz Telecom had an entrance, and Great Lakes had its own entrance. There was a -- Inside of Great Lakes Verification, once you got in, there was a common door that would allow access into Buzz Telecom and also for use of the restrooms.

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     even exist?
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          Α.
                Yes.
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          Q.
                And that instead of Great Lakes
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     Verification, we should read in that "F&G?"
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                F&G Verifications, yes.
          Α.
                So then to follow up on that, for
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          Q.
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     roughly a two-- year period of time you mentioned
     that Business Options had a working
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     relationship -- a business relationship with F&G
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     Verifications, to your knowledge?
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                So he was the accountant?
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     his name.
                MR. SHOOK:
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                MR. HAWA:
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                MR. SHOOK:
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                BY MR. SHOOK:
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                Has Mr. Furmankiewicz provided any
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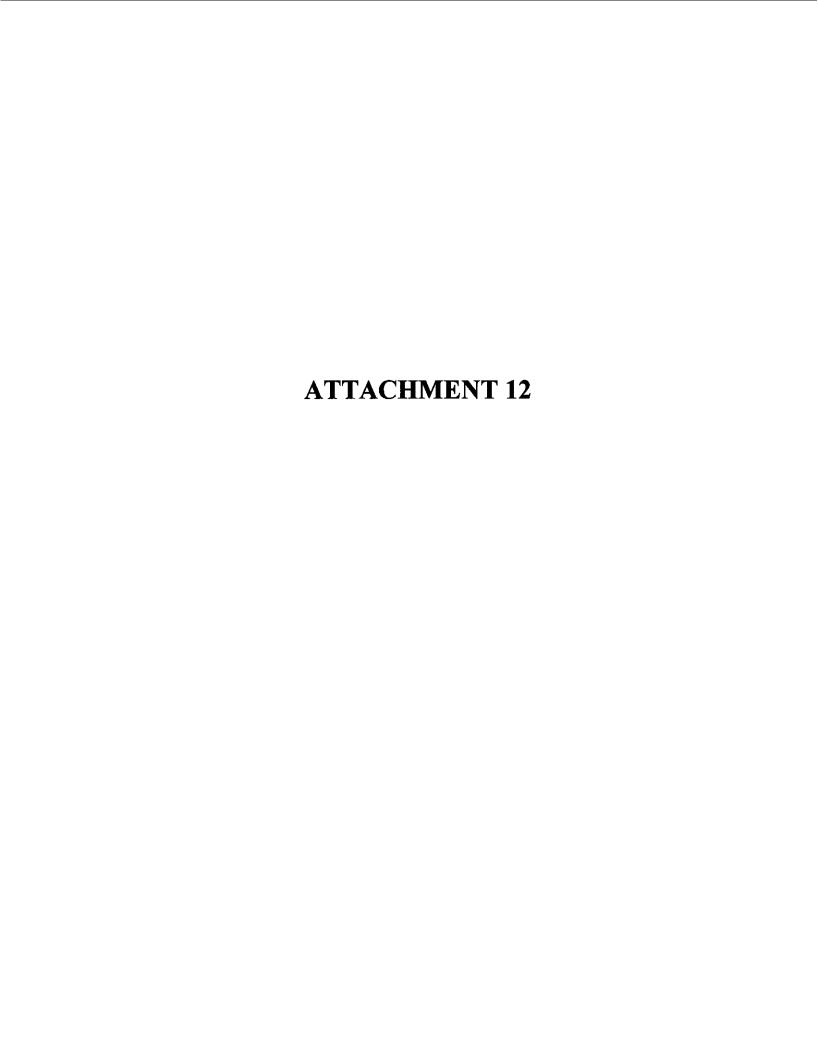
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     or U.S. Bell to work for F&G.
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          Α.
                Yes.
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                At any one time, how many employees
          Q.
     worked for F&G, to your knowledge?
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                And do you know who it was that
          Q.
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     actually hired those employees at F&G?
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          Α.
                It would be Mr. Furmankiewicz.
     to fully give you the understanding, these
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     people's paychecks always was either a Buzz
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     Telecom paycheck or U.S. Bell paycheck.
                Even though the individuals worked for
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     F&G Verification Company, the individual's
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     paycheck came directly from U.S. Bell or Buzz
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     Telecom or Business Options, Inc.?
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                      And that wasn't the case with
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     the processor, which was Tony Lowe, for
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     verification. He paid them, and then Mr.
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     Furmankiewicz -- maybe I was confused on his
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     definition of what employee leasing was, the term
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     he was using. Anyway, I hope I gave you the full
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1 | aware of this pick-freeze policy?

A. I don't know.

- Q. Now, could you roughly describe the process by which a customer actually becomes a Business Options customer after the telemarketing call takes place and the customer says, "Yes, I want to choose Business Options."
 - A. Okay.
- Q. Describe for me, if you can, how we get from that point to the point where the customer is actually receiving Business Options services and then receiving a bill?
- A. Okay. The order is written up and is verified by a verification company. The verification company sends the orders that were successful to our data entry people. Data entry then enters the customer information. And I think daily or weekly an electronic file is created and sent off to our underlying carrier, who then would forward that file and break it out into the different LEC's. And then the

customer's information goes to the local exchange 1 2 carrier, who then pick those customers to us. Once the customer starts making phone calls, then 3 4 the call records -- the underlying carrier would 5 send them back to us. We take those calls, and we assign those calls a rate and send it on to 6 7 USBI, who would then forward those charges to the customer's local exchange carrier, and they get 8

those charges on the bill.

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- Q. Now, in terms of some of the steps
 that you mentioned, the verifier sends the
 information relative to the respective customer
 back to whom? Who is it that actually physically
 gets the information from the verifier?
- A. I believe at the end of the day the verification company -- at least how it was working prior to us switching to the company in Florida -- they were taking all the successful customer orders and then taking them and putting them in a box somewhere where the data entry people can get them -- a mailbox.